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Transcript of Proceedings held virtually before
the North Canton Board of Control, taken by the
undersigned, Shannon Roberts, a Registered
Professional Reporter and Notary Public in and for the
State of Ohio, at North Canton City Hall, 145 North
Main Street, North Canton, Ohio, on Tuesday, the 14th
day of July, 2020, at 9:00 a.m.

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1 APPEARANCES:

2 Stephan B. Wilder, Mayor

3 Patrick DeOrion, Director of Administration

4 Timothy Fox, Director of Law

5 Jina Alaback, Director of Finance

6 Catherine Farina, Deputy Director of
7 Administration

8 Robert Graham, PE

9 Kelly Hart, Administrative Specialist

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1 MS. HART: And we are going live.

2 MR. WILDER: Good morning, everyone.

3 Mayor Steve Wilder here from the City of
4 North Canton, calling today for the North
5 Canton Board of Control virtual meeting for
6 Tuesday, July 14th, at 9:00 a.m.

7 I'd like to make a roll call of the
8 participants for today. Mayor Wilder is
9 here. Director of Administration.

10 MR. DEORIO: Here.

11 MR. WILDER: Director of law.

12 MR. FOX: Here.

13 MR. WILDER: And Director of Finance.

14 MS. ALABACK: Here.

15 MR. WILDER: That's Mr. DeOrio, Mr. Fox,
16 Ms. Alaback are all pres -- are here. Also
17 present in the room, I'd like to make a note,
18 Rob Graham, our City Engineer, our Kelly
19 Hart, our administrative ~~assistant~~ ^{Specialist},
20 Ms. Catherine Farina, Deputy Director of
21 Administration and Development.

22 Our first order of business is to review
23 the minutes for June 9th, 2020.

24 MR. DEORIO: I make a motion to approve
25 the minutes as submitted.

1 MR. FOX: I'll second.

2 MR. WILDER: Motion on the floor by Mr.
3 DeOrio to approve the minutes as submitted;
4 seconded by Mr. Fox.

5 Any other discussion on that?

6 (No response.)

7 MR. WILDER: If not, I'll call for a roll
8 call vote.

9 Mr. DeOrio.

10 MR. DEORIO: Yes.

11 MR. WILDER: Mr. Fox.

12 MR. FOX: Yes.

13 MR. WILDER: Ms. Alaback.

14 MS. ALABACK: Yes.

15 MR. WILDER: And Mayor Wilder, yes.

16 Minutes are approved for June 9th, 2020.

17 The second order of business concerns the
18 Omnipro Services, LLC contract for federally
19 funded East Maple Street enhancement project,
20 at a cost not to exceed \$185,000.

21 Before we proceed, should we have a
22 discussion on that, or any comments or
23 guidance on the contract?

24 MR. DEORIO: I'd like to hear from Mr.
25 Graham.

1 MR. GRAHAM: Okay. Thank you, Mr. Mayor.
2 Yes, as the Mayor had indicated, this is to
3 award the professional services contract for
4 construction management, construction
5 inspection of our federally funded East Maple
6 Street enhancement project. We had done a
7 qualifications-based selection of Omnipro
8 Services based on one of three firms we had
9 asked for an enhanced letter of interest, for
10 a technical proposal.

11 Myself and the assistant county engineer
12 deemed Omnipro Services to be the most
13 qualified for this project. Their fee would
14 be not to exceed \$185,000. And they will
15 bill that on an hourly basis. Basically, we
16 do it that way, where if our contractor gets
17 in there and knocks out the work in a very
18 timely manner with no issues, and we are not
19 fighting with the firm, you know, we
20 shouldn't even come close to \$185,000.

21 But on the other side of the coin, if the
22 contractor is not staffing the project
23 properly, cutting corners, you know, and we
24 are -- just basically becomes an all-out
25 brawl out there each and every day, you know,

1 we'll be able to monitor if they are coming
2 close to that \$185- and will probably warrant
3 a change order to get them more to watch that
4 future investment. So it's -- it's sort of a
5 win-win for the City and for the -- the firm,
6 that they can -- you know, they bill us what
7 they got in. Period.

8 So as far as the allocation, we still
9 have about \$279,000 left in our 2020 budget
10 after the construction contract has been
11 awarded. And also City Council has approved
12 this via Ordinance 37-2020. And so I guess
13 engineering then would recommend that the
14 Board of Control go ahead and award this
15 professional services contract for
16 construction management, construction
17 inspection with Omnipro Services, LLC at that
18 hourly not to exceed amount of \$185,000.

19 MR. WILDER: Rob, thanks for the
20 background information on that. So I'll go
21 ahead and put a motion on the floor for the
22 Board of Control to approve the Omni {sic}
23 Services, LLC contract for the federally
24 funded East Maple Street enhancement project
25 at a cost not to exceed \$185,000.

1 The motion is on the floor. Could I have
2 a second?

3 MR. FOX: I'll second.

4 MR. WILDER: Seconded by Mr. Fox.

5 Any further discussion?

6 MR. DEORIO: Who made the motion?

7 MR. WILDER: The motion is for the --

8 MR. DEORIO: Who made it, though?

9 Mr. Graham can't make motions.

10 MR. WILDER: I'm sorry. No. I made the
11 motion.

12 MR. DEORIO: Very good. Thank you.

13 MR. WILDER: The Mayor made the motion,
14 excuse me, to -- for the Omnipro Services,
15 LLC contract for the federally funded East
16 Maple Street enhancement project, at a cost
17 not to exceed \$185,000. The motion was
18 seconded by Mr. Fox. Any other discussion on
19 that?

20 (No response.)

21 MR. WILDER: If not, all in favor, say
22 "aye."

23 MR. DEORIO: Roll call.

24 MR. FOX: Roll call.

25 MR. DEORIO: We should roll call on

1 matters of spending money. We can voice vote
2 on approving minutes.

3 MR. WILDER: Okay. You are right.

4 Mr. DeOrio.

5 MR. DEORIO: Yes.

6 MR. WILDER: Mr. -- Director of Law Fox.

7 MR. FOX: Yes.

8 MR. WILDER: Director of Finance, Jina
9 Alaback.

10 MS. ALABACK: Yes.

11 MR. WILDER: And the Mayor says yes.

12 Motion carries for the approval of that
13 Omnipro Services contract.

14 On item number 3, it's the OpenGov -- or
15 OpenGov.com contract for digital budgeting
16 software, at a cost not to exceed \$170,000.

17 Ms. Alaback, just a quick discussion,
18 again, a little background on that for the
19 Board?

20 MS. ALABACK: Patrick, do you want to
21 lead the discussion?

22 MR. DEORIO: Just a second. I have got
23 to shut my door.

24 All right. So in collaboration with the
25 finance department, we have been looking at

1 ways in which we could improve the City's
2 efficiencies and transparencies as it relates
3 to budgeting. And there is a number of --
4 there are a number of firms out there that
5 could help with this -- this software as a
6 service program.

7 We believe that OpenGov.com offers the
8 best options for the City of North Canton.
9 And being that we are trying to avail
10 ourselves of federal funding on this, and
11 also that we are approaching our start point
12 of our -- our budgeting process, we wanted to
13 get this in place as quickly as possible;
14 hence, City Council's prompt action in
15 getting this approved, the Mayor signing, and
16 before the Board of Control today.

17 This software as a service will allow us
18 to digitize, you know, electronically put in
19 budget information and keep it in a realtime
20 format, without going through and using an
21 archaic means of manual spreadsheets that
22 only one entity, the Director of Finance or
23 her designees, could update and would have to
24 constantly be asked to provide us with --
25 with new updates.

1 So this is a -- a huge step forward. And
2 I -- when I -- when Jina brought this to us
3 to take a look at, my head was spinning at
4 the opportunities for our department heads,
5 and therefore administration, to have a
6 better tool for more accurate budgeting.
7 That's kind of the view from 30,000 feet.

8 MR. WILDER: Thank you, Mr. DeOrio, for
9 the background information. We'll go ahead
10 and go forward with a motion for -- to
11 approve -- for the Board of Control to
12 approve the OpenGov.com contract for digital
13 budgeting software, at a cost not to exceed
14 \$170,000. The motion is on the floor by the
15 Mayor.

16 MS. ALABACK: I -- I would just want to
17 clarify -- oh, I'll -- I'll second that
18 motion. But I would also like to clarify
19 that that is a five-year contract. The
20 initial year is \$49,975, and each of the four
21 succeeding years are \$30,000.

22 MR. DEORIO: Second -- or I guess it was
23 seconded by Jina.

24 MR. WILDER: Yes. Seconded my Jina.
25 Thank you for the other discussion on that

1 and explanation for the five-year contract.

2 Any other comments or discussion for
3 that?

4 (No response.)

5 MR. WILDER: If not, I'll call for an
6 approval for the -- or vote for the approving
7 of the OpenGov.com contract.

8 Mayor Wilder votes yes.

9 Director of Administration.

10 MR. DEORIO: Yes.

11 MR. WILDER: Director of Law.

12 MR. FOX: Yes.

13 MR. WILDER: And Director of Finance.

14 MS. ALABACK: Yes.

15 MR. WILDER: Motion carries for approval
16 of the OpenGov.com contract.

17 If there is no other business to come
18 forward, we'll move to adjourn.

19 MR. DEORIO: So moved.

20 MR. WILDER: So moved by Mr. DeOrion.

21 MS. ALABACK: Second.

22 MR. WILDER: Seconded by Ms. Alaback.

23 We'll move for adjournment.

24 Wilder, yes.

25 Fox.

1 MR. FOX: Yes.

2 MR. WILDER: Alaback.

3 MS. ALABACK: Yes.

4 MR. WILDER: DeOrio.

5 MR. DEORIO: Yes.

6 MR. WILDER: Unless he signed off
7 already.

8 Mr. DeOrio, move for adjourn?

9 MR. DEORIO: I did, yes.

10 MR. WILDER: Okay. Thank you. Okay. We
11 stand adjourned at 9:11. Thank you very much
12 for attending.

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14 (This proceeding concluded at 9:11 p.m.)


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Patrick A. De Orio
Director of Administration

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